

Application No.: 10/681,977

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An applicator with piston comprising:

~~an generally constant diameter~~ elongated tubular housing with two ends with a generally constant diameter from one end through the other end and with an applicator tip disposed at a sealed end and a piston disposed near a second end with a liquid or viscous substance disposed between them, and

an opening means provided at the location of the applicator tip which will allow the sealed end to be removed to expose the applicator tip,

wherein the liquid or viscous substance is sealed within the elongated tubular housing and may be extracted through the applicator tip when the piston is urged towards the applicator tip by applying pressure on the elongated tubular housing with the user's finger from the end opposite from the liquid or viscous substance.

Claim 2 (original): An applicator with piston as in claim 1, wherein said opening means is a fracture line on the elongated tubular housing.

Claim 3 (original): An applicator with piston as in claim 1, wherein said applicator tip is made of a rigid material defining a hole that is covered with a film.

Claim 4 (withdrawn): An applicator with piston as in claim 1, wherein a hole is defined by said elongated tubular housing located between said piston and said sealed end.

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Claim 5 (withdrawn): An applicator with piston as in claim 1, wherein a hole is defined by said elongated tubular housing located at the same location as the piston and covered by the piston.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): An applicator with piston as in claim 2, wherein a hole is defined by said elongated tubular housing located between said piston and said sealed end.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): An applicator with piston as in claim 2, wherein a hole is defined by said elongated tubular housing located at the same location as the piston and covered by the piston.

Claim 8 (withdrawn): An applicator with piston as in claim 3, wherein a hole is defined by said elongated tubular housing located between said piston and said sealed end.

Claim 9 (withdrawn): An applicator with piston as in claim 3, wherein a hole is defined by said elongated tubular housing located at the same location as the piston and covered by the piston.

Claim 10 (withdrawn): An applicator with piston comprising:

an elongated tubular housing with a sealed applicator tip at one end and a piston disposed near the other open end with a liquid or viscous substance disposed between them,

an opening means provided at the location of the applicator tip which will allow the sealed end to be removed to expose the applicator tip,

a compression member comprising a hollow elongated member with an open end and a sealed end wherein the open end has an inside diameter approximately that of the outside diameter of the elongated tubular housing and slides over the open end of the elongated tubular housing,

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wherein when the compression member is urged toward the piston, the enclosed air is compressed and will exert a pressure on the piston to urge it to extract the enclosed liquid or viscous substance out of the elongated tubular housing through the applicator tip.

Claim 11 (withdrawn): An applicator with piston as in claim 10, wherein said opening means is a fracture line on the elongated tubular housing.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): An applicator with piston as in claim 10, wherein said applicator tip is made of a rigid material defining a hole that is covered with a film.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): An applicator with piston comprising:

an elongated tubular housing with a sealed applicator tip at one end and an open end with a liquid or viscous substance disposed therein,

an opening means provided at the location of the applicator tip which will allow the sealed end to be removed to expose the applicator tip,

a piston member with a piston head with approximately the same outside diameter as the inside diameter of the elongated tubular housing and an elongated slender body is disposed near the open end,

wherein when the piston member is urged toward the enclosed liquid or viscous substance it will force the enclosed liquid or viscous substance out of the elongated tubular housing through the applicator tip.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): An applicator with piston as in claim 13, wherein said opening means is a fracture line on the elongated tubular housing.

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Claim 15 (withdrawn): An applicator with piston as in claim 13, wherein said applicator tip is made of a rigid material defining a hole that is covered with a film.

Claim 16 (previously presented): An applicator with piston as in claim 1, wherein said second end is sealed and a hole is defined by said elongated tubular housing located between said piston and said second sealed end.

Claim 17 (previously presented): An applicator with piston as in claim 1, wherein a hole is defined by said elongated tubular housing located at the same location as the piston and covered by the piston.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): An applicator with piston as in claim 2, wherein said second end is sealed and a hole is defined by said elongated tubular housing located between said piston and said second sealed end.

Claim 19 (previously presented): An applicator with piston as in claim 2, wherein a hole is defined by said elongated tubular housing located at the same location as the piston and covered by the piston.

Claim 20 (previously presented): An applicator with piston as in claim 3, wherein said second end is sealed and a hole is defined by said elongated tubular housing located between said piston and said second sealed end.

Claim 21 (previously presented): An applicator with piston as in claim 3, wherein a hole is defined by said elongated tubular housing located at the same location as the piston and covered by the piston.

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Claim 22 (previously presented): An applicator with piston as in claim 1, wherein said second end is an open end and the applicator further comprising:

 a compression member comprising a hollow elongated member with an open end and a sealed end wherein the open end has an inside diameter approximately that of the outside diameter of the elongated tubular housing and slides over said second open end of the elongated tubular housing,

 wherein when the compression member is urged toward the piston, the enclosed air is compressed and will exert a pressure on the piston to urge it to extract the enclosed liquid or viscous substance out of the elongated tubular housing through the applicator tip.

Claim 23 (previously presented): An applicator with piston as in claim 22, wherein said opening means is a fracture line on the elongated tubular housing.

Claim 24 (previously presented): An applicator with piston as in claim 22, wherein said applicator tip is made of a rigid material defining a hole that is covered with a film.

Claim 25 (previously presented): An applicator with piston as in claim 1, wherein said second end is an open end and the applicator further comprising:

 a piston member with a piston head with approximately the same outside diameter as the inside diameter of the elongated tubular housing and an elongated slender body disposed near said second open end,

 wherein when the piston member is urged toward the enclosed liquid or viscous substance it will force the enclosed liquid or viscous substance out of the elongated tubular housing through the applicator tip.

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Claim 26 (previously presented): An applicator with piston as in claim 25, wherein said opening means is a fracture line on the elongated tubular housing.

Claim 27 (previously presented): An applicator with piston as in claim 25, wherein said applicator tip is made of a rigid material defining a hole that is covered with a film.